REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 11-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claim 7 is amended, Claims 9 and 10 are cancelled and Claims 11-14 are added.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8 and 11-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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